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SUBJ: ANGOLA: PROBABLY OAU CM SUMMIT SCENARIO

REF: ADDIS 13212 PARA SIX

1. OAU A/SEC GEN PETER ONU AND EGYPTIAN AMB BASSIOUNY
AGREE -- AND WE THINK THEY REPRESENT WIDE CONSENSUS -- THAT
UPCOMING OAU CM SUMMIT MEETINGS ON ANGOLA LIKELY TO BE CONFRONTED
WITH NEAR-MAJORITY OR EVEN MAJORITY OF MEMBER-GOVTS WHO
HAVE/WILL RECOGNIZE MPLA REGIME. FOLLOWING ARE VIEWS, FROM THEM
AND OTHERS, ON ANGOLA AND OAU.

2. MOST LIKELY SCENARIO FOR MEETINGS WILL BE
RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS HOPEFULLY "MAJOR" BUT PERHAPS SOLE

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FACTION IN GOVT OF ANGOLA. SUCH RECOGNITION WOULD BE

COMBINED WITH OAU PRESSURES ON MPLA TO ACCEPT "CLEARN PERSONALITIES"
LINKED TO FNLA AND UNITA WITHIN MPLA REGIME (CF REFTEL).

3. USG PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICAN AS WELL AS
USSR AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA HAVE NOT RPT NOT MADE
APPRECIABLE DIFFERENCE IN PREVIOUS VIEW OF MANY AFRICANS THAT
USG AND SAG ARE IN DE FACTO COLLUSION, IF ONLY BECAUSE BOTH
SUPPORT OPPONENTS OF MPLA REGIME.

4. ONU TOLD US JAN 2 THAT STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A/SECY
SCHAUFLE IN CAMEROON CONDEMNING MPLA RECOGNITION WAS
"UNFORTUNATE", IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE.
ONU ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW SCHAUFLE'S MISSION TO SELECTED AFRICAN
COUNTRIES WOULD PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE; GOVTS OF THESE
COUNTRIES WOULD BE HANDICAPPED AT OAU CM SUMMIT BY SUSPICIONS
OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS THAT POSITIONS TAKEN BY THESE GOVTS
"INFLUENCED" BY THE U.S.

5. AFRICAN PERCEPTION OF CUBANS IN ANGOLA IS STRONGLY CONDITIONED
BY PREVIOUS CUBAN BEHAVIOR (IN GUINEA-BISSAU AND ESEWHERE),
WHERE CUBANS DEPARTED PROMPTLY WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED. MANY
AFRICAN FEEL THAT FUTURE SOVIET PRESENCE, WHILE NOT AS EASY
TO DISLodge AS CUBANS, CAN ALSO BE MANAGED BECAUSE "AFRICANS
HAVE LONG EXPERIENCE IN DOING SO."

6. ALTERNATIVE OUTCOME OF OAU SUMMIT ONLY CONCEIVABLE IF
DOMINANT SOUTH AFRICAN FACET OF PROBLEM IS DRAMATICALLY TRANSFORMED.
FOR EXAMPLE, WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA
WOULD DEEPLY UNDERCUT RATIONALE PUT FORWARD BY MPLA FOR ITS
RELIANCE ON SOVIET/CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE AND SUPPORRY.

7. COMMENT: ALL THIS HAS THE RING OF TRUTH TO US. ON POINT
(PARA 2) ABOVE, IT IS EASY TO SEE THAT OAU, PRIZING UNITY
(OR MINIMIZING DISUNITY) ABOVE ALL, WOULD SEEK LEAST DIVISIVE
COURSE. CONVICTION HAS BEEN GROWING THAT MAJORITY OF OAU
WILL INEVITABLY RECOGNIZE MPLA, AND THEREFORE THESE IS STRONG
TEMPTATION TO RIDE WITH THE INEVITABLE, MOLLIFYING THE
ANTI-MPLA MINORITY WITH PROMISES OF SOME FORM OF COALITION
GOVT. ADDITIONAL FACTOR WE ARE HEARING ABOUT IS THAT OAU
DESPERATELY NEEDS SOME ORGANIZATIONAL FOOTHOLD IN ANGOLA THROUGH
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WHICH TO WORK, AND CONTINUED NON-RECOGNITION OF ALL FACTIONS
WOULD DEPRIVE OAU OF ABILITY TO INFLUENCE EVENTS. GIVEN NATURE
OF DILEMMAS FACING OAU MEMBER STATES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS
LOGIC, WHATEVER ITS SHORTCOMINGS, IS ALL TO PERSUASIVE TO
AFRICANS. WE WILL SEEK MORE OAU VIEWS AND REPORT. HUMMEL
UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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